



Loose Threads News

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1st Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Arrive with Challenge entries

10:00

Holiday Party

Bring Challenge, gift exchange, 1 dozen cookies, holiday mug, Secret Pal gift...and your holiday spirit.

3rd Wednesday Agenda

9:30 Doors open - refreshments & socializing

10:00 Business Meeting



President's Message

Holiday season already?

So much to do...so much to plan...so many people to see...

We all get caught up in the expectations and demands that the holidays bring. But in the midst of all of the hustle and bustle, don't forget to step back and take some time for yourself. Plan a new quilt, finish up a UFO, or just sit and do some mindless hand stitching.

Whatever you may be working on, let that project work it's calming magic this holiday season.

Yours in stitching,

Nancy

Our Holiday Party is December 6th. Come dressed in festive attire and be ready for the 2023 challenge judging, Secret Pal reveals, refreshments, gift exchange (optional), and the beginning of a month of holiday cheer!

Please bring one dozen cookies to share and your favorite holiday mug to add to the festive table settings.

Minutes - November Meeting

The monthly Business Meeting of the Loose Threads Quilt Guild was held at the United Church of Christ in Spring City, PA on November 1, 2023, and facilitated by President, Nancy Miller. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM.

The meeting began with Show 'n Tell.

Old Business: The guild's quilt display at Hankin Library will be coming down on Saturday, November 4, and was a great success. Pictures are in the November newsletter.

New Business: Mainline Quilters will be renting our quilt racks which includes the bars, stands, and drapes. Nancy is waiting for them to confirm the plans for when and how they pick up the racks from Diane's house. They will then need to return them to Melissa's house. The contract currently states that if we transport it costs them 62.5 cents per mile. This needs to be addressed as Diane has a truck to transport there, but you only get paid for one way and Melissa does not have a way to transport them back to her house and again the reimbursement is one way. The contract needs to state that whoever rents the quilt racks needs to transport them to and from their show. There is a clause in the contract that addresses any damage that may occur, and a security deposit is in place.

Announcements: Sinking Springs Fabric Mart acquired fabric from a closing quilt store. Flat folds run \$2.00 yard. <https://www.fabricmartfabrics.com>

Basting Day: The next basting day is November 29, 2023. There is only one quilt scheduled to be basted at this time. Please see Kiti or the basting committee if you would like to have your quilt top basted this month. Kiti also stated that we will baste a quilt top for pay for anyone you know that is not a member of the guild. It is important that you sign up prior to that date if you have a quilt top to be done, and to get in touch with Kiti if for any reason you need to cancel your top. Place a safety pin in the middle of all sides of your quilt top and quilt backing prior to this meeting.

Block of the Month: Sylvia kicked off the new block of the month that is based on orphan blocks. You can bring in your orphan blocks to trade or share and are welcome to take from Sylvia's container of orphan blocks. Pat handed out bingo cards to add to the fun. The cards have 12 projects (and a wild card) to be completed within the year. Once you complete a project, bring in for show and tell and Pat will mark off your bingo card. There will be a gift for a completed card, and even a gift for a mostly completed card. Place your name on the back of the bingo card. You can turn them in as you complete them. IE: One a month or 5 in one month and then a few months of none. Don't forget to bring your 2023 block of the month to the Holiday Brunch in December.

Challenge: Don't forget to bring your 2023 challenge to the Holiday Brunch in December. Bring in a bag that you cannot see through, add note to front if its challenge or block of the month and set on the stage as soon as you arrive. Don't put your name on either item.

Day Camp: was another successful time. However, much food was left over, so the next camp will probably be only \$5 with everyone bringing their own lunch, drinks, and snacks. No date is set at this time.

Evening Bee: Evening Bee will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (meet at Giovanni's in Royersford at 5pm and/or continue to the Church at ~6:30pm). At this time 3-5 people plan on returning to the church after they eat next week.

Fabric / Sewing Room Sale: Do not leave anything in this room – See Lil. Also, Lil has already shown us all things in the totes. As new fabric is received, she will continue to make it available to members for purchase first.

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Quilts of Valor – Kiti Williams



A TRIBUTE TO KITI WILLIAMS

On November 11th the Valley Forge Corral presented a program of patriotic music with special presentations of a Quilt of Valor quilt to three veterans at Lower Providence Presbyterian Church in Eagleville. Four Valley Forge Homestead Quilters had made a QOV quilt. Two of the members, Karen Glasthal and Ann Palmer, gave it to Kiti Williams. Karen told of Kiti serving from May 1981 to June 1987 in the U.S. Air Force. Kiti was an Inventory Management Specialist. Her bases included Lackland AFB in Texas, Lowery AFB in Colorado, and Su Won AFB in Korea. She was named “Radar” because she was very good at procuring the items needed to keep things moving. Kiti has knitted Chemo Caps for over ten years to her local Oncology Departments. Our Kiti is someone to be proud of.

Minutes, Continued

Field Trips: November and December are very busy times for members and the next trip will be planned for January. Please continue to let the field trip committee know of any ideas the guild members may see along the way.

Historian: Kathy Parker can always use Shutterfly coupons. They have a very limited time to use them.

Holiday Brunch: Melissa asked for volunteers to assist in clean up after the brunch. Plans are coming along nicely, please see details in November newsletter, dress up and bring your holiday mug. December 6th at the Church.

Library: The book list is now on the website under members only. Chris and the new committee are interested in what the guild members want the library to do for them. She will be providing a questionnaire for us to fill out at the November 15th meeting. Magazines vs books, do we use the library, what would we like to see in the library, are we able to find what we want, and how do we solve the problem with books not being returned to the library. Perhaps we could have a book report done 3 to 4 times a year on a new book from the library and feature it in the newsletter. Do we have a time restriction on how long books can be out?

Membership: 42 active and 16 associate members currently.

Nominating Committee: nothing new

Newsletter: Judy Magner is keeping us all informed through the newsletter.

Programs: Diane Hess will be setting up four holiday stations for our November program meeting. All details are in the November newsletter. We will be rotating every 25-30 minutes.

Round Robin: no updates

Secret Pal: 2023 name reveal will occur at the holiday brunch. Margie handed out new forms to fill out about yourself. Please mail back to her as soon as possible. Cutoff date is November 15. The first week of December you will get your new secret pal information in the mail. The new secret pal program will begin at the January business meeting. Monthly gifts should be under \$20 and given at the business meeting each month. Please be aware if your pal isn't there that meeting and bring back at another time. See Margie if any concerns.

Service or Charity Projects: Nancy has asked that we continue to work on our charity quilts.

Speakers: will be working on the budget for speakers. Nothing new.

Sunshine: nothing new

Tea: No Updates at this time

Treasurer's Report: given by Jodie (don't usually publish the numbers in newsletter but included here so you are aware) prior balance \$14,602.16, expenses \$70.34, income from raffles and membership \$341.71 for a balance of \$14,873.53.

Website: up to date, valuable information is available on site. The new bingo card can also be found here.

Minutes, Continued

Other Items:

Raffle Winners: Business Meeting Raffle Winner was Melinda, donated by Nancy Miller.

Name Tag Winner: Debbie

The meeting concluded at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Name,

Judy McCourry

for Carly Moore, Secretary

Special Thanks

Thank you from Betty Ann

Dear Ladies of Loose Threads,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! I love my red and white quilt! You have no idea of how much it means to me. You have been a lifeline for me through the worst time of my life and made the rest of it ever so much more enjoyable. I will miss seeing all of you on a regular basis. However, I will see you at the Holiday Brunch.

As always,

Betty Ann

Loose Threads Favorites

Carolyn Thompson's cake was a hit at the November meeting and folks were asking for the recipe. So, here it is!

Apple Cinnamon Snack Cake

Cake Batter:

2½ cups flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
¾ cup butter, softened
1¼ cups sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 eggs
1/2 cup sour cream
2 tsp vanilla
2 medium granny smith apples, peeled, cut into small pieces

Cinnamon Filling:

2 Tb sugar
2 Tb brown sugar
2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp nutmeg

Glaze:

1 cup powdered sugar
1 Tb butter, melted
2 Tb milk
1/2 tsp vanilla

Heat oven to 350°. Spray 13"x9" pan with non-stick spray. In small bowl, combine ingredients for cinnamon filling, set aside. In another small bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt, set aside. In large bowl, cream butter, sugar, and brown sugar with electric mixer. Add eggs, sour cream, and vanilla, mix until combined. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture and mix just until combined.

November Show & Tell



Chris Rivard made a quilt for a co-worker who is battling cancer.



Clem made an amazing wool on cotton quilt that was quilted by Diane Hess



Judy snook mad a charming Valentine quilt with Riley Blake fabrics that was also quilted by Diane Hess



Nancy Miller completed a color coded 'I Spy' quilt for her granddaughter.



Sue Umstead made this backpack which worked well on her recent trip to Finland.



Ruth Ann Joshlin made this wonderful coat of a street of houses, then was inspired to turn it into this equally wonderful quilt of 'downtown' Intercourse, PA.



Taking a Road Trip

I WANNA GO TO SHIPSHEWANA

I had so much fun at Shippshewana this year that I am planning to go back next July. (It would be quite a “field trip” for guild members!)

Shippshewana is in Indiana. It is the third most populous Amish area (after Ohio and Lancaster) in the country. There were more buggies than I have ever seen but the good news is you see them traveling on the part of the road made for buggies. Indiana is farm country, flat, and pretty with many baby animals.

But back to why we were there. Stitchin’ Heaven organizes Land Ahoy! events initially like a cruise but on land when covid cancelled cruises. We were there to take one (me) or two (Sharon and most people) quilts taught by excellent teachers. Sewing machines are provided. We needed to bring the sewing supplies. Pre-cut kits are sold for each quilt although Sharon and I cut our own fabric for a brighter quilt this time.

Sewing days are every day except during the time of the excursion. On our day long excursion, we went to an Amish grocery where they make noodles. Then onto Teaberry Basket Shop. Here they make baskets out of layers of wood, not woven. We were full after a delicious lunch at an Amish farm that came next. We saw some of the gardens and murals that the county presents each year although barn quilts might take over before long. The quilt shop was okay. Our guide on the bus was from the area and kept us entertained by telling a lot of interesting things about the Amish and Mennonites.

The real shopping was located close to the hotel. We were happy we drove and didn’t have to think about what would fit in a suitcase! It was a great adventure I hope others will enjoy too.

Judy Snook

December Birthdays

- 8 Toni Hughes
- 10 Linda Garthe
- 10 Carolyn Thompson
- 18 Lenore Clarke
- 20 Bernie Hughes
- 21 Sharon Beideman
- 24 Mary Larkin

What if it snows?

Wondering if a guild meeting will be held if it’s looking pretty white out there? In the event of winter storms, check the Springford school district website <http://www.springford.net/>. On the upper right side of the page under Quick Links, click on Parents and then click on Emergency Information in the drop-down menu.

2024 Quilt Block Contest

The 108th Pennsylvania Farm Show will be held Saturday, January 6 through Saturday January 13, 2024, in Harrisburg, PA at the PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, 2300 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

During the PA Farm Show there will be a quilt block contest. Here are the rules for the 2024 Quilt Block Contest if you are interested in competing.

Theme: “Hearts Abound”

Class 453: Quilt Block Contest - Pieced Adult - 19 and over

Class 455: Quilt Block Contest - Appliqued Adult - 19 and over

Class 454: Quilt Block Contest - Pieced Youth - 18 and under

Class 456: Quilt Block Contest - Appliqued Youth - 18 and under

Create a block with the theme “Hearts Abound” with new fabric in a red, pink, white palette. Each block must be 12 ½” x 12 ½” including seam allowances. Rules state the block must be 100% cotton, prewashed and treated to prevent bleeding with no buttons, charms or paint.

Only one entry per exhibitor, per category. Each entry will become the property of the Family Living Department of the Farm Show. Items will be constructed with proceeds benefiting the Farm Show Scholarship Foundation.

Entries must be preregistered by **December 15, 2023** to the Family Living Department, PA Farm Show Complex and Expo Center, 2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg PA.

Adult Premiums: 1st - \$55; 2nd - \$35; 3rd - \$25; 4th - \$20; 5th - \$15 Rosette Youth Premiums: 1st - \$35; 2nd - \$25; 3rd - \$15; 4th - \$10; 5th - \$8 Rosette

<https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>



November Program – Christmas Ornaments

November Program – Make and Take Ornaments

Nancy Miller – Origami Ornament, Silvia Homa - Gnome in Stocking Hat, Susan Koederitz – Funky Stars, Diane Hess – Folded Fabric Star.



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Meets at 9:30 AM on the
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month,
with a special basting meeting on the 5th
Wednesday at:

First United Church of Christ
145 Chestnut St
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Annual dues are \$20 per year and guests
are always welcome

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